(c) The total revenue loss to Air India in January, 1991 on account of the cancellation of flights to the Gulf is estimated at Rs. 19.62 crores. Indian Airlines during the period from 22.1.91 to 16.2.91 suffered a revenue loss estimated at Rs. 18.35 crores.

(d) There are no plans to curtail flights further.

Utilisation of A-320 aircrafts by Indian Airlines

143. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many A-320 aircrafts are being utilised by the Indian Airlines at present and what is the average daily utilisation and how many are still grounded;

(b) by what time Government propose to utilise all the A-320 Aircrafts;

(c) what decision has been taken by Government for the purchase of more A-320 aircrafts as proposed earlier; and

(d) which aspects of Ramdas Committee Report still remain to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Out of a total fleet of 18 Airbus A-320 aircraft, 12 are available or flying and 6 are under scheduled Major checks. Out of the 12 aircraft to available for flying presently, 8 are being utilised for scheduled operations by rotation, with the average daily utilisation being nearly 52 hrs.

(b) By July, 1991, 16 aircrafts would be available for flying and 2 would be under schedule Major Checks. However, it would be by August/September, 1991, when adequate number of pilots would become available, that the 16 aircraft would be utilised for scheduled operations.

(c) There is no proposal to acquire any additional A-320 aircraft apart from the 12 A-320 aircraft pending delivery against orders placed in June, 1989.

(d) All the recommendations of Ramdas Committee Report pertaining to Indian Airlines have been adequately implemented except for the long term recommendations. The long-term recommendation, such as increased hangar accommodation, improvement of environmental condition in repair/overhaul shops, progressive introduction of VAC81 system of training, etc. are being followed up and are in various stages of implementation.

Closure notice to Barauni Thermal Power Station by Bihar State Pollution control board

144. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Barauni Thermal Power Station has been served with a closure notice by the Bihar State Pollution Control Board;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action the Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (c) The information is collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Replacment of Boeing 737 by Airbus 320

145. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to replace some of its

Boeing 737 planes by the fuel efficient Airbus 320s;

(b) whether any of the airlines has drawn up plan to meet the situation arising out of the fuel shortage;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent withdrawal of flights have been proposed in view of shortage of fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In order to effect a 25 per cent reduction in the fuel consumption, Indian Airlines had curtailed the external and domestic services with effect from 22.1.1991. Since that date and upto 16.2.1991 there has been a reduction in the fuel consumption of Indian Airlines by over 8300 kilo litres valued at Rs. 7.78 crores On an average, about 46 flights of Indian Airlines were reduced per day. With the improvement in the availability of fuel most of the fights have by now been restored by Indian Airlines.

Effect on Students' Studies for deputing Delhi teachers on census duty

146. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of Government and other aided schools in the Capital have been put on census duty thereby affecting the studies of the students;

(b) what is the number of teachers who have been put on such census duty and the names of the schools wherefrom they have been drawn;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on earlier occasion also due to agitation against Mandal Commission Report studies of students were adversely affected during the current academic year; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to compensate the students to complete their course?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) to (d) Various agencies running Government and aided schools in Delhi have put teachers on census duty as below:—

Delhi Administration and MCD

A total number of 13473 teachers drawn from 1854 Government and aided schools under Delhi Administratiin and MCD have been put on census duty.

As these teachers are on part time census duty outside school hours there will be no loss of studies due to the engagement of teachers on census duty. As regards the loss of studies due to the Mandal Commission agitation, Delhi Administration had issued instructions to the schools for preparing assignments of the lessons so as to make good the loss.

Delhi Cantonment Board

117 teachers are on the census duty in Delhi Cantonment, drawn from 6 Cantonment Board Primary Schools and 9 other Government aided schools situated in Delhi cantonment.

Studies are not generally suffering due to the census work as the same is being carried out by them without affecting their normal teaching work.

New Delhi Municipal Committee

149 teachers from NDMC schools have been put on census duty. NDMC schools have managed extra coaching classes to complete the syllabus to compensate the loss of studies.